



Royal Agricultural Society of NSW

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

2026 RAS Rural Achiever Award

ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF NSW ABN 69 793 644 351 ('RAS')

1. These Conditions of Entry shall constitute the whole agreement upon which an Application is submitted and the Applicant agrees that all representations and statements not itemised herein are excluded.

How to Apply

2. Applications are available to be submitted from Monday 4 August 2025 and must be received by the RAS Office by 11:59pm Friday 29 August 2025. Applications are available to be submitted **online only at www.myras.org.au**. Entries received after this date and time may not be accepted.
3. Applicants are required to complete the official application form in its entirety, along with a covering letter and submit a recent high-definition portrait photograph. Failure to submit the three (3) listed items may deem the Application invalid. Applicants may seek support from a local Agricultural Show Society by including an optional letter of recommendation with their application. This letter should be signed by an authorised representative of the show committee.
4. The Award Recipients will be notified by the RAS on or before Wednesday 1 October 2025. Award Recipients will be announced by the RAS publicly by 1 December 2025.
5. The RAS' decision is final and no further correspondence will be entered into. Recipients who are unable to accept the Award, will forfeit the Award. The RAS may elect another Recipient to be announced.

Eligibility

6. Any queries regarding eligibility should be referred to the Rural Achiever Event Manager at the RAS, Phone: 02 9704 1160 or Email: agrilink@rasnsw.com.au
7. Applicants must be aged 20 and under 30 years of age as of May 1st in the year of the Sydney Royal Easter Show at which they are a finalist.
8. Applicants must be permanent residents of Australia who reside in, and are on the electoral role for New South Wales.
9. The following individuals are not eligible to apply for the Award:
 - a) Previous Rural Achiever Award Recipient;
 - b) Sydney Royal AgShows NSW Young Woman Competition State Finalists. (If an individual is announced as a Rural Achiever Finalist and is a current Young Woman Zone Finalist, that individual will be required to forfeit their position in the Young Woman Competition)
 - c) Current RAS Youth Group members;
 - d) RAS Staff and Councillors.

Selection Process

10. All Applicants must be available for an interview held in September 2025. Any costs involved with attending the interview, including but not limited to travel to and from the interview and any accommodation requirements, are the responsibility of the Applicant.
11. Applicants should be knowledgeable about current rural issues pertaining to their local area, NSW and Australia and have a strong affiliation towards agriculture and their community. This will be called upon throughout the selection process.
12. Tertiary qualifications are not a prerequisite for entry into the RAS Rural Achiever Award and will have no influence on the selection process.
13. A maximum of eight (8) Rural Achiever Award Recipients will be selected from applications received. This number may vary at the discretion of the Selection Panel.
14. A NSW representative will be chosen from the group of Award Finalists to represent NSW at the National Rural Ambassador Competition. Reasonable interstate travel costs may be refunded to the Finalists to attend the National Final, at the sole discretion of the RAS.
15. The NSW Finalist selected to represent NSW at the National Ambassador Competition must be prepared to spend up to four (4) days at the host Royal Show. The representative acknowledges and agrees that this may require them to obtain a leave of absence from their workplace or education for this time at no cost of the RAS.



16. If the NSW National Representative is aware in advance that they cannot attend all of the National Rural Ambassador Award Program, then that finalist will forfeit the opportunity to compete, and the RAS reserves the right to appoint a 'runner-up' individual.

Program Participation

17. Award Recipients will be required to spend seven (7) consecutive days at the 2026 Sydney Royal Easter Show (SRES) and participate fully in the scheduled Award program. Award Recipients acknowledge and agree that this may require the need for them to obtain a leave of absence from their workplace or education for this time at no cost of the RAS. Inability to attend the SRES on all seven (7) days and participate fully and exclusively in the Award program may result in disqualification. If you have any queries relating to this requirement, please contact the Event Manager.
18. Award Recipients will be guests of the RAS whilst in Sydney, but will be required to bear their own expenses (including travel) to and from Sydney.
19. Award Recipients are required to adhere to the following Code of Conduct while representing the RAS and failure to do so may result in disqualification:
 - Behaviour — It is expected that the Award Recipients will conduct themselves in an appropriate manner whilst in attendance at the 2026 Sydney Royal Easter Show (SRES) and willingly participate in all activities and functions in which they are asked to be involved in. They are expected to follow the advice and directions of the chaperone, RAS Councillors and Staff. It is expected that all Award Recipients will respect their fellow Award Recipients and represent the RAS in good faith.
 - Language — Suitable language must be used at all times.
 - Clothing — Award Recipients are to wear the RAS Rural Achiever Award uniform at all official functions, during all official duties and when asked by the chaperone.
 - Rural Achiever Chaperone – Whilst in Sydney, Award Recipients must advise the chaperone of their whereabouts at all times or upon request.
 - Itinerary – All Award Recipients are to partake in and adhere to the planned itinerary whilst in Sydney. Award Recipients must participate in the full program set by the RAS without any distraction. Award Recipients are not permitted to exhibit in any other competition or take part in other non-program activities.
20. Accommodation – Whilst completing the program in Sydney, only the Award Finalists will be provided with shared accommodation. The RAS will not be responsible for any additional family members accommodation throughout the program unless reasonable adjustments are required for disability support.
21. Award Recipients will be requested, where possible, to represent the RAS and AgShows NSW at, but not limited to, local Agricultural Shows and rural NSW community activities throughout the years after their state final.
22. The Finalists authorise the RAS, to incorporate any footage or photographs of them in any public display in connection with the promotion of the RAS and the Rural Achiever Award.
23. The RAS has the right to terminate, retract, or alter all or part of the said Award during the period.
24. At the discretion of the RAS, if an Award Recipient withdraws from the Rural Achiever Award program prior to its commencement, the withdrawing Recipient may be required to cover the cost of their unused uniform.
25. The Award is not redeemable for cash. The Award is not transferable.
26. The RAS adheres to Privacy Legislation and the RAS Privacy Policy, available at <https://www.rasnsw.com.au/privacypolicy/>
27. This competition is governed by the RAS General Regulations, available to download from <http://www.rasnsw.com.au>
28. The Recipient must be fit for the purpose of performing their tasks during the period. The Recipient must disclose any medical condition reasonably expected to restrict any task to be undertaken during the SRES.
29. Failure to comply with any of the regulations or conditions of entry may result in disqualification from the Award.
30. The Recipient will indemnify the RAS against all claims arising out of their participation in the Award and such claims include all action suits costs claims demands brought against the RAS by any person or corporation arising out of any negligent or improper act or omission by the Recipient.